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"AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR DAIRY FARMERS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established,
4 within available appropriations, the Connecticut Milk Advisory and
5 Promotion Board, which shall be within the Department of Agriculture
6 for administrative purposes only.

7 (b) The board shall consist of the following members: (1) One
8 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a
9 Connecticut licensed dairy producer and a member of a dairy
10 cooperative; (2) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the
11 Senate, who shall be a Connecticut licensed milk producer and a
12 member of a dairy cooperative; (3) one appointed by the speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, who shall be an independent Connecticut
14 licensed milk producer; (4) one appointed by the minority leader of the

15 House of Representatives, who shall be a Connecticut licensed milk
16 producer and a member of a dairy cooperative; (5) one appointed by
17 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a Connecticut licensed
18 milk producer and a member of a dairy cooperative; (6) one appointed
19 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a
20 member of a state-wide health and nutrition organization promoting
21 consumer interests; (7) the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the
22 commissioner's designee; and (8) the chairpersons of the joint standing
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
24 relating to agriculture, who shall be ex-officio members without the
25 right to vote. The board shall elect a chairperson and a vice-
26 chairperson from among its members. Any person absent from (A)
27 three consecutive meetings of the commission, or (B) fifty per cent of
28 such meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
29 resigned from the board, effective immediately. Vacancies on the
30 board shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members of the
31 board serve without compensation but shall, within the limits of
32 available funds, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the
33 performance of their duties. The board shall meet as often as deemed
34 necessary by the chairperson or a majority of the board.

35 (c) The board shall: (1) Develop, coordinate and implement
36 promotional, research and other programs designed to promote
37 Connecticut dairy farms and milk consumption, and (2) prepare and
38 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
39 having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture an annual report
40 concerning its activities.

41 (d) The board may use such funds as may be available from federal,
42 state or other sources and may enter into contracts to carry out the
43 purposes of this section.

44 (e) The board may, subject to the provisions of chapter 67 of the
45 general statutes, employ any necessary staff within such available
46 funds or appropriations.

47 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
48 Agriculture, not later than October 1, 2008, shall work with the United
49 States Department of Agriculture and any other appropriate
50 government agencies to secure certification of the Connecticut Milk
51 Advisory and Promotion Board."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section